

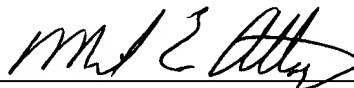
REMARKS

The applicant and the undersigned thank the examiner for the interview held February 23, 2006. Independent claims 1, 7, 8 and 14 have been amended, in accordance with the agreement reached during the interview, to clarify that the recited wireless inter-office facility is for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the public switched telephone network (PSTN).

It is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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- 1 1. (twice amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public
2 switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:
3 a plurality of microwave transceivers forming a microwave network which over-
4 lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-
5 cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic
6 normally carried by the PSTN between two or more central offices, tandem switches or
7 other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC).
- 1 7. (twice amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave net-
2 work which overlays a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising the steps
3 of:
4 (2) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers,
5 said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;
6 (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interof-
7 fice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the PSTN between
8 two or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incum-
9 bent local exchange carrier (ILEC).
- 1 8. (twice amended) A microwave communication network that overlays a public
2 switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising:
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4 lays said public switched telephone network, said transceivers being geographically lo-
5 cated so as to provide a wireless interoffice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic
6 normally carried by the PSTN between one or more central offices, tandem switches or
7 other premises controlled by an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and one or
8 more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by a common carrier
9 other than said ILEC.

1 14. (twice amended) A method of providing wireless bandwidth in a microwave net-
2 work which overlays a public switched telephone network (PSTN) comprising the steps
3 of:
4 (2) forming a microwave network from a plurality of microwave transceivers,
5 said microwave network overlaying said public switched telephone network;
6 (2) geographically arranging said transceivers so as to provide wireless interof-
7 fice facility (IOF) for carrying all types of traffic normally carried by the PSTN between
8 one or more central offices, tandem switches or other premises controlled by an incum-
9 bent local exchange carrier (ILEC) and one or more central offices, tandem switches or
10 other premises controlled by a common carrier other than said ILEC.